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INTELLIGENCE NOTE: POLISH CORRESPONDENT AIDS SOVIET-CUBAN DIFFERENCES

The most explicit public comment on Soviet-Cuban differences to appear thus far was contained in a dispatch to Warsaw yesterday from the Havana correspondent of the Polish news agency (PAP).

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Value of President Kennedy's assurances. Citing as his source "political circles" in Havana; the PAP reporter stated that because of a resolved Soviet-Cuban differences of opinion no final communique was issued to mark the end of the Mikoyan talks. No agreement was reached on the question of US guarantees, with the Soviets taking the view that the President's word should be believed and the Cubans arguing that his guarantees are "worthless." The "political circles" suggest that the root of the difference is a difference of opinion about the possibility of coexistence with the US — a statement which without saying so explicitly suggests that the Cubans may be siding with the Chinese Communists on some fundamental questions.

Implications for negotiations. If these Soviet-Cuban differences are so sharp and deeply rooted, it would appear unlikely that Moscow expects to resolve all of the issues now on the table in New York.

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The Soviets would thus hope to leave the Cubans free to advocate their five points, and the Soviets would be free to support them at least verbally.

[REDACTED] Moscow will attempt to portray the US assurance — as Soviet propaganda has begun to do — as already given.

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